

## Public Involvement

The public involvement drop-in session was advertised in the Lincoln Times-News on May 6 and May 13, 2005 shown in **Figure F-4**. The Lincoln Times-News also wrote two other articles about the drop-in sessions, one before the meeting and the other as a follow-up to the meeting as shown in **Figures F-4** and **F-5**.

A total of 14 people attended the drop-in sessions and made comments on the recommended Lincoln County CTP. These people represented Lincolnton Planning Department, Centralina Council of Governments, Lincoln Natural Resource Committee (LNRC), Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Catawba River Keeper Foundation, and citizens.

As shown in **Figures F-1, F-2, and F-3**, personnel from NCDOT and Lincoln County walked each attendee around the room explaining the significance of each CTP map. Attendees wrote their comments on post-it notes and attached those to the CTP maps. They asked questions directly to personnel when walking around the room. These questions and comments are summarized below, with responses as appropriate.

### Questions

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1. *During rush hour, NC 16 and NC 73 is backed up in all directions. Are there ways to mitigate that problem now?* A NC Moving Ahead project is currently being designed at this intersection. This will add turn lanes with extensive storage to accommodate traffic and upgrade traffic signals, as well. At this time work is scheduled for 2006.
2. *If roadwork is not occurring, why does NCDOT not remove the roadwork sign?* Road construction signs are always in place to warn one that you are riding in a work zone. Signs such as flagman ahead and right lane closed ahead signs are removed daily.
3. *Speed limit at East Lincoln High School (EL) is posted at 55 mph and beyond that point it is reduced to 45 mph. Why is it not 45 mph in front of high school?* NCDOT will investigate this.
4. *Could you make NC 73 55 mph not fluctuate between 55 mph to 45 mph?* The speed zone is dependent on the following: condition of roadway, condition of shoulder, horizontal and vertical alignment, roadside development, and 85% percentile of speed in the area.
5. *Could the community pay for the reflectors for the Westport area and NC 16 or could someone install reflectors?* Work is performed each year to install raised or